Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

As of May 1, there are 2,170 recorded cases of COVID-19 with 238 new cases reported from 18 states, of which, Kano (92), Lagos (36) and Federal capital Territory (30) recorded the highest number of new cases. Of the confirmed cases, 351 have been discharged with 68 deaths. 16,588 tests have been carried out across the country with 34 states and the Federal capital Territory (FCT) having reported at least one confirmed case. A breakdown analysis of the cases shows 71 per cent of confirmed cases are from three states (Lagos, FCT and Kano), 68 per cent of the cases are male, while 31-40 years age group were the most affected. Additionally, 51 per cent of the current cases do not have any epidemiologic link indicating an increase in community transmission.

The President of Nigeria in his speech on 27 April, announced the end of the lockdown with a plan for a phased opening of the economy commencing on 3 May. In the first phase of the opening, sectors to be fully opened includes agriculture, public works, markets (groceries) and intra-state road transport. Sectors to be partially opened are air transport and food sector. Schools, sports, religious gatherings, hospitality and social concerts remain closed. Inter-state travels were banned for two weeks to limit inter-state transmission. The National Center for Diseases Control (NCDC) with support from other agencies (national and international), including the UN continue to coordinate the response to COVID-19 in Nigeria. So far, 17 laboratories are now functional for testing COVID-19 and 35 Rapid Response Teams (RRT) have been deployed to support response in all states with confirmed cases.

In the north-east, Bakassi IDP camp in MMC LGA recorded its first case of COVID-19 with contract tracing ongoing. Northern States are moving Almajiri children across borders to mitigate the risks of COVID-19. To date, Kaduna State moved 30,600 children from Kaduna, while at the same time, received 265 boys from Kano, Plateau and Jigawa who have been placed in a temporary shelter during a mandatory 14-day quarantine period before family reunification. 21 boys tested COVID-19 positive and are currently being treated designated treatment centre.

UNICEF’s COVID-19 response

**RCCE/C4D**

UNICEF support to RCCE is focused heavily on community engagement in the 17 States supported by UNICEF for the response. Voluntary community mobilizers (VCMs), community orientation and mobilization officers (COMOs), town announcers, religious focal points (RFPs) WASH committees (WASHCOMs), members and other community health workers have been engaged to support these initiatives. Jingles on government and private owned radio and TV stations continue to sensitize members of the public with live radio programmes allowing listeners to call in to ask questions.

In collaboration with Ministry of Information and National Orientation Agency, mobile messaging campaigns across Nigeria continue to reach communities with public service announcements, pre-recorded messages and jingles played through communities and villages. Digital platforms such as WhatsApp, Twitter and Facebook continue to promote messages through short videos, drama skits and infographics on essential practices such as stigma reduction, physical and social distancing, staying at home and handwashing with soap. Capacity building of key stakeholders such as journalists continued in some States.

**Health**

Within the reporting period, UNICEF supported the response in the scale up of testing capacities and development of a country-wide distribution plan for testing. Currently testing capacity stands at 2500-3000 tests per day. UNICEF also provided technical support to the Ministry of Health in the development of ‘Community case definition and post-lockdown Surveillance Strategies’. In addition, trainings and workshops supported include:

- 3rd Stakeholder Consultative Meeting for Case Management;
- Online training on COVID-19 HMIS Platform Web-based reporting; and
- 2,264 frontline health workers (including doctors, nurses, laboratory scientists and auxiliary staff) on revised training protocols for case management.
The Presidential Task Force was assisted in:
- Developing an Inventory of actions to curb health care workers infections; and
- Quantification for IPC needs, which has been adopted as a national working document.

UNICEF continues to provide ongoing technical support to the state EOCs on COVID-19 response.
- In Bayelsa, UNICEF supported the training of 150 lab scientists on Donning and Duffing, sample collection and transportation.
- In Rivers State, UNICEF supported the deployment of five mobile Rapid Response Teams to support contact tracing, surveillance and case management. 150 health facilities have been supported on infection prevention and control measures.
- UNICEF is actively participating in line listing and contact tracing in all 5 States under Bauchi FO. Training of 168 LGA managers and 105 health workers on IPC is ongoing in Adamawa State. 105 frontline healthcare providers have been trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases.
- UNICEF Akure is supporting active case search visits conducted by State and LGA surveillance officers in communities. UNICEF also supported zonal training on Infection prevention and control for state focal persons from the six Southwest states.
- In Kaduna, UNICEF supported surveillance training of LGA TB officers, Polio Focal Persons, Ward Focal Persons, Ward Development Committees and volunteers across all wards and LGAs. Step-down training at the LGAs for point of entry health personnel has been completed and 54 Environment Health officers.
- UNICEF Kano FO is supporting Rapid Response Team activities in Kano, Katsina and Jigawa states. UNICEF supported the orientation of LGA teams and surveillance activities in 8 metropolitan LGAs in Kano State and assessment of two health facilities as holding areas for suspected cases. In Katsina State, 48 Health workers at treatment centres have been trained on IPC.
- In Lagos, UNICEF is supporting contact tracing of passengers of interest who continue to be identified at land crossings and seaports. Over 3,000 POI have been tracked, with an additional 128 POI recently sent to NOA for tracking. For effective case management, UNICEF is supporting the state with determining Patient/Health Care Worker ratio based on available resources.
- In the north-east, UNICEF supported the training of 320 health care workers and provided them with 161 sets of PPEs (disposable gowns, face masks and gloves). UNICEF provided financial and logistics support to the Yobe State Government for partitioning and standardization of three isolation centres in the state.

**Nutrition**

115 health facilities (Abia, Anambra, Bayelsa, Delta, Eboniy, Enugu, Imo, Kaduna, Nasarawa, and Niger) are offering Community Based Management of Acute malnutrition (CMAM) services with modifications in the context of COVID-19. Modifications include limited client-flow and sitting arrangements to respect physical distancing at the health facilities during nutrition services. UNICEF was able to provide treatment to 123,430 children 6-59 months with of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in Adamawa, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Niger, Nasarawa and Yobe States. 704 community nutrition mobilizers were trained on COVID key messages and mother MUAC screening approach. In Kaduna, 60 Health Workers received a 5-day training on integration of paediatric human immune-deficiency virus-counselling and testing into CMAM programme. UNICEF provided support in develop nutrition-based national COVID-19 monitoring framework in three states and conducted webinar for 22 nutrition partners on the reporting of nutrition activities in the context of COVID-19 in the north-east.

**WASH**

**Hygiene Promotion and Distribution of IEC materials**

In collaboration with respective state RUWASSAs and LGA WASH units, IEC materials (including 89,000 COVID-19 prevention posters) in five languages for risk communication on COVID-19 were distributed across several LGAs in 16 states and were placed in high traffic locations such as churches, hospitals, markets and other public places.

In Plateau, Benue, Ekiti, Kano, Katsina and Jigawa state, handwashing sensitization campaigns through small group discussions, town announcers and motorized public address units and house-to-house visits were carried out by rapidly engaging LGA WASH units, WASH committees (WASHCOMS), volunteer hygiene promoters (VHPs), and traditional and religious rulers, while observing appropriate safe distances and other COVID-19 recommended best practices.

Radio stations in Ebonyi, Anambra and Cross River states have begun broadcasting hygiene promotion jingles on COVID-19 prevention measures, while jingles developed in collaboration with C4D continue to be aired in English, Pidgin, Hausa, Igbo, Kanuri and Yoruba languages by 18 radio stations across 13 states.

In Ogun state, 21 front line primary health care facility (HCF) staff from nine LGAs were trained on tools for community engagement and hygiene promotion (especially promotion of handwashing) for COVID-19 infection prevention and control.

**Provision of Handwashing, Decontamination Services and Distribution of WASH NFI s**

In Plateau state, soaps and liquid bleach were distributed to about 300 households (1,500 persons) to support proper hand hygiene and surface disinfection. Meanwhile, 42 handwashing stations were provided in Delta (15), Rivers (10) and Plateau (17) states benefitting at least 4,200
persons in public places and HCFs to support proper hand hygiene. In addition, the government was supported to decontaminate major markets, government house, LGA Secretariat, Palaces, Public hospitals across all the 17 LGAs in the state.

Coordination and Technical Support to Government
UNICEF provided support to the government in constituting COVID-19 Prevention Campaign committees in four LGAs in Plateau and one LGA in Benue, as well as in conducting rapid assessments to identify WASH needs/gaps in these states. Rivers State RRT was supported to conduct social mobilisation for risk communication in Port Harcourt while UNICEF in Benue state has been advocating for the inclusion of WASH/Ministry of Water Resources in the IPC pillar of the EOC to support the coordination of WASH inputs for prevention and response to COVID-19 and is actively engaged and supporting the State and LGA Task Force on COVID-19.

North-east WASH response
In the North East: UNICEF provided 10,270 posters to RUWASSA and distributed to all LGAs and in IDP camps in Adamawa (10,000) and four LGAs in Borno (270). Up to 10,181 individuals reached with key messages on COVID-19 prevention and control in Dikwa LGA (1,023), Jere LGA (6,648), konduga LGA (1,268) and Maiduguri Metropolitan City (MMC) LGA (1,241). UNICEF supported the training of 131 Hygiene Promotion Volunteers to conduct COVID-19 awareness campaigns in 12 locations in Borno, while WHO and ADSPHCDA were supported in conducting training for 17 health workers in two IDP camps and 3 host communities on effective handwashing and installation of handwashing stations in health facilities.

UNICEF reached 56,738 people with 117 new handwashing facilities installed in IDP camps in Dikwa LGA, Jere LGA, MMC LGA, umbaza Rock Side Camp and Damara Transit Centre. The handwashing facilities are placed at camp entrances and at other strategic locations within the camps. Soaps and liquid bleach were distributed along with 10 public handwashing stations in health facilities and other public places in Girei, Yola North and Yola South LGAs in Adamawa, serving over 5,000 persons.

Education
UNICEF has been providing technical assistance to the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and State governments of delivery of alternative home-based learning opportunities through radio, television and online platforms reaching out to over 46 million school aged children (approx. 45% girls), in multiple languages.

With support from UNICEF, a systematic schedule featuring core subjects was prepared and materials were mapped and contextualized for radio and television programmes. Currently, nearly 7.4 million children in Kano, Katsina, Bauchi, Jigawa, Borno, Yobe, Kaduna, Niger, Nasarawa, Zamfara, Sokoto, Ondo, Enugu and Bayelsa states are engaged in academic activities through radio and television programmes. Small scale assessment tools are being developed to measure the progress in learning to ensure continuity of learning and skill acquisition of children. Currently, remote monitoring tools such as google forms are operational to monitor and measure the COVID-19 education response plan.

Support was provided in the development of communication and educative materials such as leaflets, audio and visual materials, KIDS books and disseminated to over nine million children across 36 states and FCT. A COVID-19 education strategic response action framework and plan was developed and discussed with FME and implementing partners for its operationalisation to support ongoing learning.

States of Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Bauchi, Jigawa piloted the radio learning programme for both IDP and host communities reaching out over 300,000 children to engage children in learning and academic activities. An additional 33,000 children were oriented through communication and education materials for prevention and containment of COVID-19. Additionally, 1,500+ radio sets are planned to be provided for children from low-earning families. This will also be used to facilitate formation of radio reading clubs at community level.

Child Protection
21 communities across five LGAs in Ebonyi and Cross River States were reached with messages on COVID-19 prevention and risk mitigation, prevention of violence against children, women and girls, and birth registration with UNICEF support. In Kano State, a gender-based violence (GBV) response team was set up to address issues related to violence against women and girls during the COVID 19 pandemic. The State GBV response team created an online response platform.

Child Protection in Emergency (CPiE) response
UNICEF reached 264 (158 girls; 106 boys) children in alternative care arrangements, 120 parents and caregivers (107 women and 13 men) and 861 (566 women, 295 men) community leaders, social workers, members of community child protection committees (CCPCs) with awareness sessions on COVID-19 preventive measures and MHPSS to support the children in their homes in Mafa, konduga, bama and monguno LGAs.

56 survivors of GBV (24 women; 32 girls) received reintegration support services while 10,213 children (4,975 girls; 5,238 boys) were reached with PSS and COVID-19 preventive messages, including handwashing demonstrations, at child friendly spaces across bama,
Konduga and Mafa LGAs. A total of 15,341 persons (258 girls; 209 boys; 5,435 women; 7,584 men and 1,855 age/sex unknown) in north-east Nigeria, were reached with PSEA messages through the U-Report platform, representing a 9.6% increase. Another 194 persons, including 23 religious leaders, 78 community leaders (17 women, 61 men) and 94 adolescents (56 girls; 38 boys) were reached with advocacy sessions on COVID-19, including reporting mechanisms on sexual exploitation and abuse in IDP camps and host communities COVID-19 Prevention and Risk Mitigation, Prevention of Violence Against Children, Women and Girls, and Birth Registration messages disseminated to 31 communities across five LGAs in two States of Ebonyi and Cross River.

196,830 children and adults have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse through these messages.

**Adaptations to ongoing UNICEF programmes**

Implementation of emergency procurement modalities to expedite processes for construction of water facilities have begun. This is being launched as an e-procurement online platform that will enable government partners fast-track works for water facilities while adhering to strict lockdown travel rules and equally making the process fair and transparent. This will enable government partners fill the gaps for water access speedily to support target populations. UNICEF has also planned for the procurement of 2,000 spare parts for water supply facilities on ground making them readily available in communities (through WASH committees) and WASH depts in eight states to maintain operations of water facilities 24 hours each day.

UNICEF continues to provide inputs into Government processes to COVID-19 proof plans to ensure programme continuity, that includes participation in the National TOT on PHC service continuation, monitoring RI performance and supporting states for the continuation of immunization services, supporting the development of National guidance for continuity of HIV service delivery in the context of complex emergencies, diseases outbreaks/lockdown. In Kaduna, UNICEF supported the training of 60 health workers on integration of paediatric HIV-HCT into CMAM programme in five implementing LGAs. UNICEF state offices are working closely with State Governments to conduct virtual coordination meetings to review vaccine stock, uptake of immunization and other MNCH services and strategize on evolving situation to ensure PHC service delivery.

UNICEF Nigeria supported State Governments in northern Nigeria with the development of technical and operational guidelines for temporary shelters and remote training of government social workers and implementing partners to strengthen their case management capacities. This is to assist in the systematic family tracing and reunification of unaccompanied and separated *Almajiri* children (all boys) whom were returned to their communities of origin as part of the state governments’ response to mitigating the risks to COVID-19 pandemic.

UNICEF is providing similar support in Kano and Gombe states where the state Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD), in close collaboration with the State Ministry of Education (MOE), CSOs and the COVID-19 State Committee for 180 *Almajiri* children returned to Gombe from Kano, Nassarawa and Plateau states. Of the total, 35 children have already reunited with their families. Joint government and CSO follow up visits will be conducted in coming days. In the conflict-affected north-eastern Nigeria, UNICEF reprogrammed funds to support 125 *Almajiri* children returned to Yobe State from Gombe State. To support the return of an estimated 700 *Almajiri* children to Borno State in May, UNICEF is providing technical guidance and support for a phased approach to avoid the possible spread of COVID-19 at the designated temporary shelter facilities. In addition, UNICEF supported the camp with basic health and hygiene promotion activities as well as life skills and recreational materials during the mandatory quarantine period.

**Funding Overview and Partnerships**

The Nigeria CO has developed an updated response plan outlining gaps and needs, COVID-19 proofing measures and response activities across all sections. USD 65 million is requested to support the government to respond to COVID-19 and reach an
estimated 20 million Nigerians. ECHO Nigeria has provided UNICEF with 1.2 million Euros to support in risk communication and life-saving health and WASH supplies.

**External Communication**

UNICEF has aligned with global campaigns on COVID-19 and has been disseminating information through its social media network ([Twitter: Facebook, Instagram](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com)).

- During World Immunization Week (24-30 April), UNICEF Nigeria’s social media work focused on highlighting the importance of immunization during this challenging time, and the crucial role of health workers and VCMs in ensuring critical immunization work continues.
- The Enugu FO has commenced a mobile messaging exercise in line with the risk communication framework. A meeting with producers from broadcast media is being held to ensure effective production and dissemination of messages to the public on COVID-19.
- A [story](https://www.unicef.org) highlighting the challenges of continuing education of children during the lockdown in north-east Nigeria was published. The story reached 8.6 million people on Facebook.
- UNICEF Nigeria was featured in [ABC News story](https://www.abcnews.go.com) on the challenges of tackling COVID-19 in Africa.
- CNN interviewed the Kano Chief of Field Office for a [story](https://www.cnn.com) on the COVID-19 situation in the State.
- A [story](https://www.theguardian.com) on malnutrition in Sokoto and Zamfara featuring the important work UNICEF is doing to save children’s lives was published on 30 April, following a feature article in [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com).

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### Annex A

#### Summary of Programme Results

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<td>Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies (including hygiene items) and services</td>
<td>1,340,782</td>
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<td>Number of children and women receiving essential healthcare, including prenatal, delivery and postnatal care, essential new-born care, immunization, treatment of childhood illnesses and HIV care in UNICEF supported facilities.</td>
<td>6,061,266</td>
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<td>Number of healthcare providers trained in detecting, referral and appropriate management of COVID-19 cases</td>
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<td>Nutrition</td>
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<td>Number of children 6-59 months admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).</td>
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<td>Number of children and adults that have access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual exploitation and abuse</td>
<td>498,067</td>
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<td>Number of UNICEF personnel and partners that have completed training on VAC/HP/GBV risk mitigation and referrals for survivors³</td>
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<td>Number of households (affected by COVID-19) receiving humanitarian multi-sector cash grant for basic needs</td>
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¹ Results are cumulative from March 2020
² Indicator broken down to 5,000 CP and 2,000,000 Education and 100,000 CP and 500,000 Education (NE)
³ Indicator broken down to 250 CP and 500 Education and 221 CP and 150 Education (NE)